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The prior art references, namely the U.S. Patents, web pages and product brochure listed below, constitute the closest art of which the Applicants are aware relating to the invention of the above identified Application. The Application discloses and claims MRI-compatible surgical instruments, which are patentable over this prior art, and which are as follows.

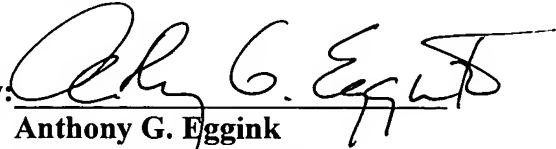
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It is respectfully submitted that Applicants' application discloses an invention which is patentable over these prior art references, which are disclosed to the Patent Office to ensure that all pertinent art, of which Applicants are aware, is before the Examiner for consideration. Entry of these references into the file of the above Application is believed to be in order, and is respectfully requested.

**Respectfully submitted,**

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